

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8, 2001**

The Tippecanoe County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2001 at 2:00 P.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President David S. Byers, Vice President Connie Basham, Jeffrey Kessler, Margaret K. Bell, Jeffrey A. Kemper, and Kathy Vernon; Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr. (Councilmember Ronald L. Fruitt was absent.)

President Byers called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then called upon Councilmember Kessler to offer a prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the April 10, 2001 minutes, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Auditor Robert Plantenga

Auditor Plantenga reported the 2001 uncommitted County General Funds through April 30, 2001 are \$1,216,229.80. He also reported the County will receive \$3,568,993.00 of EDIT Funds and \$2,970,243.00 of COIT Funds from a multi-year buildup due to a miscalculation at the State. COIT Funds are distributed to all entities in the County except the school corporations and EDIT Funds are distributed to only the Cities, the Towns, and the County. He expects to receive a check from the State soon.

INTEREST STATEMENT: Treasurer Oneta Tolle

Treasurer Tolle reported interest earned for March 2001 was \$452,922.77. She noted the average interest rate dropped from 5.40% for February to 5.30% for March. She reported the collection of approximately \$16,000 in back taxes from Judgments dating from 1981 to 1991 and \$250.00 for Duplicate Bills. Mrs. Tolle said they continue to experience problems with the Bookkeeping System.

SUPERIOR COURT III

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$6,882.00

5,000.00	Part-time
382.00	Social Security
1,500.00	Translator

At the Council's Working Session last Thursday, Judge Rush lowered the Part-time request to \$2,500.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve an appropriation of \$2,500.00 for Part-time, \$192.00 for Social Security, and \$1,500.00 for Translator, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$5,000.00

5,000.00	Capital Outlay
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After researching costs, Commissioners' Assistant Weston lowered this request for a laptop computer and software to \$3,400.00. It will be used by various departments in the Tippecanoe Room.

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve an additional \$3,400.00 for a laptop computer and software, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (MITS)

TRANSFER: \$5,800.00

From:	01-50-116300	PC Technician	5,800.00
To:	01-50-323050	Contract Services	4,070.00
	01-50-321000	Dues & Subscriptions	1,730.00

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the Transfer, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

JUVENILE ALTERNATIVES: Director Cathy Smith

<u>SALARY ORDINANCE</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Part-time	Intern	11.64/hr	

Ms Smith said this Intern will assist with the JEDIS Program until the new grant begins July 1, 2001. Funds for this part-time position are available but there was no Salary Ordinance.

JUVENILE ALTERNATIVES: JAIBG Grant

<u>TRANSFER: \$2,900.00</u>			
From:	177-01-118100	Surveillance Officer	1,976.03
	177-01-182300	Health Insurance	923.97
To:	177-01-411000	Capital Outlay	2,900.00

Due to a vacancy in the Surveillance Officer position, funds are available to transfer to Capital Outlay to purchase a computer.

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the Salary Ordinance for the Part-time Intern, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.
- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the Transfer for Capital Outlay, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

SUPERIOR COURT IV

<u>TRANSFER: \$500.00</u>			
From:	01-43-171600	Part-time	500.00
To:	01-43-211000	Office Supplies	500.00

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the Transfer, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.

COUNTY EXTENSION: Agent Scott Rumble

<u>SALARY ORDINANCE</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Part-time	Extension Program Asst.	12.50/hr	

Mr. Rumble explained that Purdue University currently pays \$5.00 per hour and the County pays the remaining \$7.50 per hour for the salary for this part-time position. Mr. Rumble said Purdue will be billed for their portion through the remainder of the year, but the position will be paid solely by the County beginning in 2002. Since the current Salary Ordinance is only for the \$7.50 per hour, he is asking the Council to approve a Salary Ordinance for the full \$12.50 per hour.

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the Salary Ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

CARY HOME: Director Rebecca Humphrey

<u>SALARY ORDINANCE</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Part-time	Day Reporting Coord.	20.00/hr	

Ms Humphrey explained that the Day Reporting Coordinator for JAMS (Juvenile Alternative Monitoring Sessions) will be paid from a grant. The DFC approved the rate of \$20.00 per hour for 30 hours per week. This person will coordinate JAMS, a program for juveniles who are on electric monitoring and need special supervision. The program will operate out of Cary Home and is scheduled to begin May 14, 2001.

When it was noted that the Salary Committee approved the position at only \$15.36 per hour, Councilmember Basham interjected that she talked with Ray Scheele of Wagner, Irwin, and Scheele who told her that grant positions should be separated and set as Special Occupations. Ms Humphrey said the DFC will fund the salary for the remainder of the year but user fees will pay the salary in the future. She noted that Judge Rush has already assigned two (2) juvenile boys to the program. She pointed out that Therapists on Cary Home's staff are paid \$17.10 per hour and the Coordinator will put in more time than the Therapists.

Attorney Luhman informed the Council that the Commissioners approved the Agreement of Cooperation between DFC and Cary Home after amending it to say "up to \$20.00 per hour but not to exceed the amount recommended by the Tippecanoe County Job Study Committee" (\$15.36 per hour). He said if the Salary Committee recommends \$20.00 per hour, the Salary Ordinance will have to be amended and approved by the County Council.

Ms Humphrey was asked how the salary will be paid if user fees are not sufficient. She responded that they will seek grants to supplement the funding if the number of participants drops below the 15 maximum.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the part-time salary up to \$20.00 per hour but not to exceed the amount recommended by the Tippecanoe County Job Study Committee.

Human Resources Director Frank Cederquist said the Job Study Committee is scheduled to meet on May 22nd, but pointed out that the job was offered at the \$20.00 per hour salary amount before the position and salary were approved. Mr. Cederquist was asked to inquire of Wagner, Irwin, and Scheele (WIS) why this position is not recommended to be paid at least as much as the Therapists on staff. Mr. Cederquist agreed to this request but pointed out that this particular job has been referred to WIS twice already.

- Councilmember Basham seconded the motion; motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2001-13-CL: Establishing Special Non-Reverting Operating Fund for Parks

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ORDINANCE NO. 2001-13-CL

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPECIAL NON-REVERTING
OPERATING FUND FOR TIPPECANOE COUNTY DEPARTMENT
OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly, pursuant to IC 36-10-3-22 authorizes the County's fiscal body to establish by Ordinance a special non-reverting operating, fund for park purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Tippecanoe County Park and Recreation Department has established reasonable fees and charges for particular uses of park and recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Tippecanoe County Council desires to establish a special non-reverting, operating fund for park purposes into which monies received from fees for the use of park facilities shall be deposited and from which the Tippecanoe County Parks Department shall pay for the acquisition and repair of equipment required for the maintenance of park and recreation facilities in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained that there is now established the Tippecanoe County Parks Department special non-reverting operating fund from which expenditures may be made by appropriation by the Tippecanoe County Board of Parks and Recreation for the acquisition and repair of equipment for maintenance of park and recreation facilities in Tippecanoe County;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED; that all fees and charges received by the Tippecanoe County Parks Department for the use of park and recreation facilities be and the same shall be deposited into said non-reverting operating fund for the uses and purposes set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that in accordance with IC 36-10-3-22, money from the special non-reverting operating fund may be disbursed only upon approved claims allowed and signed by the President and Secretary of the Tippecanoe County Park and Recreation Board.

Presented to the County Council of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and read in full for the first time and approved on first reading this 8th day of May, 2001, by the following vote:

VOTE	TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
David S. Byers	<hr/> David S. Byers, President
Connie Basham	<hr/> Connie Basham, Vice President
Jeffrey Kessler	<hr/> Jeffrey Kessler

Jeffrey A. Kemper	<hr/> Jeffrey A. Kemper
Kathy Vernon	<hr/> Kathy Vernon
Margaret K. Bell	<hr/> Margaret K. Bell

ATTEST:

Robert Plantenga, Tippecanoe County Auditor

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Parks Superintendent Ron Dye, Park Board President John Gambs, and Park Board Members Paul Finkenbinder and Scott Rumble were present to request approval of the ordinance. Mr. Gambs said the Parks Department wants to retain the rental fees for its facilities, approximately \$50,000 annually, to purchase equipment. He thinks the Parks employees will be energized to suggest fee increases if they can keep the money. Mr. Dye interjected that in years when they received an appropriation for equipment their repair costs were reduced. He said his request for \$90,000 for 2001 was cut to \$35,000 in the Cum Cap Fund. He plans to request \$120,000 for 2002.

Councilmember Basham suggested the Parks Department is unique because it is operated by a Board of Directors.

President Byers reminded the Council that other departments bring in revenue (i.e. Fairgrounds) and, when the Parks' budget was cut, all departments' budgets were cut. Mr. Gambs countered that, because the Parks Department is operated by an experienced Board, it will run more efficiently if they can keep the fees. He doesn't think the County has the time to micromanage their department.

When Mr. Gambs stated that letting them keep the fees will not fiscally impact the County, Auditor Plantenga disagreed. He said it will impact the County General Fund because that is where the fees are deposited and he thinks that has to be considered. He noted that the Parks' capital equipment has been funded from the Cum Cap Fund for approximately the last four years.

Councilmember Vernon expressed her inability to understand the mind set that they won't run the department as efficiently if the fees continue to come to the County. Mr. Dye responded that the employees aren't motivated to raise additional revenue if it goes into County General because they don't see a direct benefit. Councilmember Kessler pointed out that Parks employees did see a direct benefit last year when their salaries were increased from the County General Fund.

Mr. Dye said they would like to explore the possibility of leasing equipment like the Lafayette City Parks Department does but the funding has to be guaranteed. If they are allowed to keep their fees and enter into lease agreements, he said Mr. Hoover, President of the Parks Foundation, has said the Foundation will cover a shortfall if the Department's revenues fall too low.

Councilmember Kessler feels he needs more information; it is too soon to make a decision.

Mr. Gambs said he is against the idea of leasing because they have such a good Maintenance Department. However, they need an income they can count on to get on an equipment replacement schedule. He asked the Council to allow them to try it for two years to determine if it will work.

Councilmember Kemper commented he thinks the proposal makes sense and he is prepared to support it.

When President Byers proposed setting a limit on the amount of revenue from fees they can keep, Councilmember Kemper asked what will happen if the rental fees are low due to the weather. Mr. Dye interjected that the Foundation will cover that shortfall. Mr. Gambs encouraged the Council to approve this for two or three years to see if it pays. He pointed out they will continue to have repair bills because not all equipment can be replaced at one time.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve Ordinance 2001-13-CL on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Basham.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the following roll call vote:

David Byers	Yes
Connie Basham	Yes
Jeffrey Kessler	Yes

Jeffrey Kemper	Yes
Kathy Vernon	Yes
Margaret Bell	Yes
Ronald Fruitt	Absent

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2001-13-CL on first reading passed 6 – 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT: WABASH VALLEY HOSPITAL BOARD

Councilmember Basham introduced Glenn Williams who has been nominated to serve as the County Council's appointment to Wabash Valley Hospital Board due to the death of Bob McGinn.

Mr. Williams, originally from Virginia and a graduate of Morehouse College, has been employed at State Farm Insurance for the past 14 years and has served as Human Resources Manager for the Indiana Region for the past 2 years. He is associated with the Boys and Girls Club, Hannah House, and Jefferson High School Advisory Council/Partners in Education. After meeting with Wabash Valley Hospital Director Craig Lysinger, he decided he would be proud to serve on the Board of Directors.

- Councilmember Basham moved to appoint Glenn Williams to serve as the County Council's representative to the Wabash Valley Hospital Board of Directors, seconded by Councilmember Kessler; motion carried.

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

The Council and Commissioners will hold a joint meeting at 12:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 12, 2001 to hear requests from the Agencies in preparation for Budget Hearings in August.

BUDGET HEARINGS' FORMAT

After a short discussion, it was decided that Public Hearings on the 2002 Budget will be held from 8:00 to 9:30 A. M. on Monday, August 27, 2001 at which time members of the public may comment on the proposed budget. Also during that time, department heads who wish to add comments regarding their proposed budgets may do so. In an effort to prevent redundancy, all departments will not be assigned a specific time to appear since they will have already met with their Council representatives. Some of the larger departments such as the Commissioners or Sheriff will be scheduled for presentations.

VISIT: by BOND RATING AGENCIES

Councilmembers were reminded to submit their Top 10 List of places for the Bond Rating Agencies to visit to Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston.

President Dave Byers and Vice President Connie Basham were designated as Council representatives to meet with the Bond Agency representatives.

REPLACEMENT: County Job Study Committee

Any Councilmember interested in filling the vacancy on the County Job Study Committee should inform President Byers. The Committee meets at 12:30 P.M. on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

VISIT: to Muncie Youth Center

A tour of the Muncie Youth Center and a conference with the juvenile judge is planned for Friday, May 18, 2001.

CARY HOME OPEN HOUSE

An Open House will be held at Cary Home on Thursday, May 31, 2001 from 3:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. with dinner served at 5:00 P.M.

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Councilmember Kessler hopes the Commissioners will consider creating the position of Grant Administrator for 2002 in an effort to capture available grant monies.

INSURANCE POOL

Councilmember Basham announced that House Bill 1925 allows counties to join an insurance pool to save money.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001- 23 –CL: Need for Expansion of Jail Facility

Attorney Luhman explained that passing a resolution of need for expanding the jail is another requirement for the County to enter into a lease agreement. He read Resolution 2001-23-CL:

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TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA
OF NEED FOR EXPANSION OF AND
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TIPPECANOE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT JAIL FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the County Council has heretofore investigated the need for the expansion of and improvements to the Tippecanoe County Law Enforcement Jail Facility ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the County and its residents to expand and improve the Project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total cost of financing the Project and issuance expenses is now estimated not to exceed \$14,000,000 plus investment earnings on the bond proceeds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1. The County Council hereby determines, after investigation, that a need exists for the Project and that funds needed therefor exceed the funds available to the County, and that the Board of Commissioners and the County Council proceed to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the expansion of and improvements to the Project for the County as provided under Title 36, Article 1, Chapter 10 of the Indiana Code.

Section 2. The financing, expansion of and improvements to the Project are in the public interest of the citizens of this County and it is a proper public purpose.

Presented to the County Council of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and adopted this 8th day of May, 2001 by the following vote:

VOTE	TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
David S. Byers	<hr/> David S. Byers, President
Connie Basham	<hr/> Connie Basham, Vice President

Jeffrey Kessler	Jeffrey Kessler
Margaret K. Bell	Margaret K. Bell
Jeffrey A. Kemper	Jeffrey A. Kemper
Kathy Vernon	Kathy Vernon
Ronald L. Fruitt	Ronald L. Fruitt

ATTEST:

Robert Plantenga, Auditor

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- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve Resolution 2001-23-CL, seconded by Councilmember Vernon.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the following roll call vote:

Connie Basham	Yes
Jeffrey Kessler	Yes
Margaret Bell	Yes
Jeffrey Kemper	Yes
Kathy Vernon	Yes
David Byers	Yes
Ronald Fruitt	Absent

- The motion to approve Resolution 2001-23-CL passed 6 – 0.

HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASE

Councilmember Vernon asked the Commissioners for the expected amount of increase in the County's Health Insurance premium. They estimate a 15% increase to the County and a 10% increase to employees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- ❖ Susan Smith, Director of Family Services, thanked Councilmember Basham for her leadership in the efforts to moved the Tippecanoe County Youth Center forward. She encouraged all Councilmembers to make the trip to Muncie on May 18th. She read a resolution adopted by the Family Services Board of Directors on May 7, 2001:

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION
FAMILY SERVICES, INC.
MAY 2001**

WHEREAS, a needs assessment conducted in 1993 by local volunteers and government officials indicated the need for a secure detention facility for children and youth in Tippecanoe County, but no formal feasibility study was funded to seek funding to move forward for the recommendation; and

WHEREAS, meetings of local volunteers and government officials held in late 2000 and early 2001 indicated an even more critical need for a secure detention facility for children and youth in Tippecanoe County; and

WHEREAS, the most significant gaps in Tippecanoe County's "continuum of service" are currently identified as:

- Detention for juvenile delinquents,
- Staff-secured emergency shelter for abused and neglected children,
- Emergency shelter for abused and neglected children under the age of 6, boys aged 9 through 13, and sibling groups with a member in one of the prior categories,
- Staff-secured residential treatment for troubled girls,
- 24-hour acute mental health services for crisis stabilization and risk assessment,
- Residential treatment for youth with substance abuse or sexual behavior issues,
- Additional alternative education programs, and

Consolidation and coordination of services; and

WHEREAS, these gaps create a need for out of county placements, which in turn presents a number of difficulties for the child, family, and community, as well as reduce the ability to treat the family system effectively due to transportation problems, access issues, and disconnection of the child with the family; and

WHEREAS, children are more likely to fail, due to the inability of the family system to change and heal; and

WHEREAS, the community at large is at risk when the child and family do not receive comprehensive treatment, because the child is more likely to reoffend or escalate into even more serious problematic behaviors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

The Board of Directors of Family Services, Inc. respectfully requests and recommends that the Tippecanoe County Commissioners conduct a formal feasibility study for the development of a center that will meet as many of the purposes outlined above as are found to be cost- and needs-justified, and that the Tippecanoe County Council provide necessary funding to do so.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above resolution was passed by a majority of the Board of Directors of Family Services, Inc. present at a duly conducted meeting held on May 7, 2001.

BY:

/s/Richard L. Holtz
Chairman of the Board

Susan M. Smith
President and CEO

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Ms Smith said they hope other organizations will also encourage and support an investment of funds to move this project forward.

- ❖ Jan Griffin Koehler, Committee Chair Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, read a resolution that will be presented to the Chamber of Commerce Board later this month.

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**STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
GREATER LAFAYETTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MAY 2001**

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WHEREAS, the community at large is at risk when the child and family do not receive comprehensive treatment, because the child is more likely to reoffend or escalate into even more serious problematic behaviors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

The State & Local Government Committee of the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests and recommends that the Tippecanoe County Commissioners conduct a formal feasibility study for the development of a center that will meet as many of the purposes outlined above as are found to be cost- and needs-justified, and that the Tippecanoe County Council provide necessary funding to do so.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above resolution was passed by a majority of the State & Local Government Committee of the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce present at a duly conducted meeting held on May 4, 2001.

BY:

/s/Janet A. Griffin Koehler
Committee Chair

E. Dana Smith
President and CEO

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- ❖ Commissioner Benson pointed out that Ordinance 2001-13-CL (Parks) was not read and no one other than Park representatives was asked for comments. She warned the Council that the Commissioners have been approached by other departments that collect fees and wish to retain them. Councilmember Kemper responded that he thinks the Council's job is to deal with each situation one on one. Commissioner Benson also pointed out that other departments (i.e. Health, TEMA, Drainage Board, Area Plan, etc.) also have advisory boards.
- ❖ Commissioner Benson apprised the Council that the Commissioners approved the creation of a Juvenile Justice Committee at the May 7, 2001 meeting. Members of the Committee will be appointed at a later date.
- ❖ Commissioner Benson expressed concern that it will be damaging to eliminate department heads from the Budget Hearings' process because this is the only time the entire Council can be addressed at one time unless there is a special request. Councilmember Basham disagreed that the Council is eliminating them from the process. She said after the departmental representatives receive the department heads' input, the presentations are often a rehash of that information. Councilmember Vernon interjected that department heads are welcome to speak to the Council at any meeting.
- ❖ Clerk Betty Michael said she thinks monthly meetings with the entire Council would be helpful.
- ❖ Attorney Luhman suggested informing department heads of the approximate time when their budgets will be addressed so they can be present.
- ❖ Responding to an inquiry if the Commissioners will request full time funding for 2002, Commissioner Shedd said, in her opinion, funding for a Grant Writer for the 2002 Budget would be money better spent.
- ❖ Commissioner Shedd said the Commissioners were informed verbally that parking at the Pitman Lot will not be available to the County after May 31, 2001. The DBC is trying to find enough space for County employees in lots they manage until our parking garage is completed. Since these spaces will probably cost more than the County is now paying to the City, she is sure the Commissioners will need to request an additional appropriation for parking.
- ❖ Commissioner Shedd said Building Inspector Ron Highland brought to their attention that the Inspectors are experiencing a financial loss due to the increase in gasoline pricing. They use their own vehicles and are reimbursed at the rate of \$0.31 per mile. Councilmember Kemper asked if they could purchase their gasoline from the Sheriff's Department that is purchased at a bulk rate.

ADJOURNMENT

- It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

The Council's next Working Session will be held at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, June 7, 2001. The Council will meet in joint session with the Commissioners to hear requests from the Agencies at 12:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 12, 2001 and will hold its regular meeting at 2:00 P.M. All meetings will be held in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building.

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL

David S. Byers, President

Ronald L. Fruitt

Connie Basham, Vice President

Jeffrey A. Kemper

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Jeffrey Kessler

Attest:_____
Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

Kathy Vernon